

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were pending in the patent application.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Hayasaka, a newly cited reference. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel Claim 1.

With regard to Claims 7-14, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 7-14 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, Applicants amend Claim 7 to recite all of the limitations of Claim 1 from which it previously depended. Applicants believe that independent Claim 7, and Claims 8-14 which all depend directly from Claim 7, are all in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request entry of the amendments and allowance of the claims.

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